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1	1177	(flexible or (variable same stiffness))	USPAT;	2002/11/13 14:34
		same (catheter same (heat or heating))	US-PGPUB;	
			EPO; JPO; DERWENT;	
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	100	(604/915-921)).CCLS.		0000/05/55
3	186	<pre>((flexible or (variable same stiffness)) same (catheter same (heat or heating)))</pre>	USPAT	2002/11/13 14:35
		and (((606/13-16,27-49) or (607/96-103) or		
		(604/915-921)).CCLS.)		
4	8	(US-6357447-\$ or US-6063080-\$ or	USPAT	2002/11/13 14:35
		US-6379378-\$ or US-5249585-\$ or US-5009655-\$ or US-4597755-\$ or		
		US-5344402-\$ or US-5344435-\$).did.		
5	1	((US-6357447-\$ or US-6063080-\$ or	USPAT	2002/11/13 14:35
		US-6379378-\$ or US-5249585-\$ or		
		US-5009655-\$ or US-4597755-\$ or		
		US-5344402-\$ or US-5344435-\$).did.) and (aperture\$1 or slit\$1)		
6	27	("4269174" "4524770" "4869248"	USPAT	2002/11/13 14:35
		"5007908" "5078717" "5083565"		
		"5125928" "5222938" "5263493"		
		"5281218" "5324284" "5327889" "5334193" "5336222" "5342357"		
		"5348554" "5403311" "5423811"		
		"5431649" "5454370" "5458597"	1	
		"5462521" "5476495" "5487385" "5514130" "5738683" "5863291").PN.		
8	12	(((((flexible or (variable same	USPAT	2002/11/13 14:36
	12	stiffness)) same (catheter same (heat or	JULAL	2002/11/13 14.30
		heating))) and (((606/13-16,27-49) or		
		(607/96-103) or (604/915-921)).CCLS.)) and		
		<pre>(aperture\$1 or slit\$1)) and (polymer or metal)) and (heat same shrink\$3)</pre>		
10	9	(((((flexible or (variable same	USPAT	2002/11/13 14:37
	:	stiffness)) same (catheter same (heat or		
		heating)) and (((606/13-16,27-49) or (607/96-103) or (604/915-921)).CCLS.)) and		
		(607/96-103) or (604/915-921)).CCLS.)) and (aperture\$1 or slit\$1)) and (polymer or		
		metal)) and (heat same shrink\$3)) and		
	_	tapered		
7	1	((((flexible or (variable same stiffness))	USPAT	2002/11/13 14:37
		<pre>same (catheter same (heat or heating))) and (((606/13-16,27-49) or (607/96-103) or</pre>		
		(604/915-921)).CCLS.)) and (aperture\$1 or		
		slit\$1)) and ((US-6357447-\$ or		
		US-6063080-\$ or US-6379378-\$ or US-5249585-\$ or US-5009655-\$ or		
		US-4597755-\$ or US-5344402-\$ or		
		US-5344435-\$).did.)		
11	50	((((flexible or (variable same stiffness))	USPAT	2002/11/13 14:38
		same (catheter same (heat or heating))) and (((606/13-16,27-49) or (607/96-103) or		
		(604/915-921)).CCLS.)) and (aperture\$1 or		
		slit\$1)) and (polymer or metal)		
12	32	(((((flexible or (variable same	USPAT	2002/11/13 14:38
		stiffness)) same (catheter same (heat or heating))) and (((606/13-16,27-49) or		
		(607/96-103) or $(604/915-921)$. CCLS.)) and		
		(aperture\$1 or slit\$1)) and (polymer or		
13	10	metal)) and polymer	Henra	2002/11/12 14:20
10	10	<pre>(((((((flexible or (variable same stiffness)) same (catheter same (heat or</pre>	USPAT	2002/11/13 14:38
		heating))) and (((606/13-16,27-49) or		
		(607/96-103) or (604/915-921)).CCLS.)) and		
		<pre>(aperture\$1 or slit\$1)) and (polymer or metal)) and polymer) and (heat same</pre>		
		shrink\$3)		
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14	1	((((((((flexible or (variable same stiffness)) same (catheter same (heat or heating))) and (((606/13-16,27-49) or (607/96-103) or (604/915-921)).CCLS.)) and (aperture\$1 or slit\$1)) and (polymer or metal)) and polymer) and (heat same	USPAT	2002/11/13 14:44
15	3	shrink\$3)) and (polyethlylene or polytetrafluoroethylene or polyetherethulketone or polyphenylenesulfide) ((((((flexible or (variable same stiffness)) same (catheter same (heat or heating))) and (((606/13-16,27-49)) or (607/96-103) or (604/915-921)).CCLS.)) and (aperture\$1 or slit\$1)) and (polymer or metal)) and polymer) and (polyethlylene or polytetrafluoroethylene or polyetherethulketone or polyphenylenesulfide)	USPAT	2002/11/13 14:44